outer harbour at Tuticorin Port is included in its perspective plan. No concrete proposal for its creation has been received by the Government in this regard.

Expansion of National Highways in Tamil Nadu

8116. SHRI S. AUSTIN: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the amount spent during 1994-95 for the expansion of national highways in Tamil Nadu: and

(b) the expansion projects to be taken up during 1995-96 and funds allotted for the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) The amount allocated for development of National Highways in Tamil Nadu during 1994-95 was Rs. 2589.50 lakh.

(b) It is too early to indicate the projects to be taken up and funds to be allocated at this stage.

Construction of a Bridge on National Highway-6

8117. SHRI S. AUSTIN: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the project for construction of a bridge on the National Highway-6 near Pithora is be set with any problems;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor, and

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken to resolve it?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) to (c) No, Sir. The proposal for construction of Jonk Bridge near Pithora, at Km. 156/10 on NH-6, is included in the 8th Plan. The revised proposal in this regard is awaited from the State P.W.D.

गुजरात में प्रमुख पत्तनों के विकास के लिए धनराशि का आबंटन

8118. श्री गोपाल सिंह जी० सोलंकी : क्या जल-भूतल परिवहन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या गत तीन वर्षों के दौरान गुजरात के प्रमुख पत्तनों, कांडला, जामनगर, पोरबन्दर, भावनगर, वैरावल, वाडी नगर, मंगरोल और दहेज के विकास हेतु कोई धनराशि आवंटित की गई है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में पत्तन-वार ब्यौरा क्या है ;

(ग) क्या विश्व बैंक अथवा एशियाई विकास बैंक ने गुजरात के अन्य पत्तनों के विकास के लिए धनराशि प्रदान की है या धनराशि प्रदान करने का कोई आश्वासन दिया है ; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है ?

जल-भूतल परिवहन मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री जगदीश टाइटलर) : (क) और (ख) गुजरात राज्य में कांडला महापत्तन, केन्द्र सरकार के अधिकार क्षेत्र में आता है जबकि मध्यम और लघु पत्तन परियोजनाओं का वित्त पोषण राज्य योजना के अन्तर्गत किया जाता है। पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान कांडला पत्तन की सभी विकास संबंधी स्कीमों का वित्त पोषण इसके आन्तरिक संसाधनों से ही किया जाता है। वर्ष 1992-93, 1993-94 और 1994-95 के दौरान कांडला पत्तन के लिए अनुमोदित योजना परिव्यय क्रमशः 40.00 करोड़ रुपये 37.78 करोड़ रु० और 30.00 करोड़ रु० है। जहां तक लघु पत्तनों का संबंध है, योजना आयोग राज्य पत्तन क्षेत्र के लिये समग्र रूप से परिव्यय

को अन्तिम रूप देता है। वर्ष 1992–93, 1993–94 और 1994–95 के दौरान गुजरात पत्तन, दीपघर और नौवहन क्षेत्र के लिए अनुमोदित परिव्यय क्रमश: 8.50 करोड़ रु०, 8.50 करोड़ रु० और 8.00 करोड़ रु० है।

(ग) जी, नहीं।

(घ) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

Steps to Generate funds for revampins Major Ports

8119. SHRI V. RAJAN CHELLAPPA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a huge amount is required for expansion and revamping of major ports;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the major ports are in a position to generate resources internally for that purpose;

(d) if so, the steps proposed to be taken in this direction; and

(e) if not, the other measures proposed to be taken to generate funds for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) An amount of Rs. 2984 crores has been provided in Eighth Five Year Plan 1992-97 for various development schemes aimed at expansion and revamping of major ports.

(c) and (d) Except Calcutta Cochin and Jawaharlal Nehru Ports, all major ports are in a position to generate internal resources for financing their development programmes The requirements of Calcutta, Cochin and Jawaharlal Nehru Ports are being met eitner by inter-corporate loans or budgetary support.

(e) The other measures proposed to be taken to generate internal resources include revision of port tariff increase in productivity, etc.

Visit of the Minister to foreign countries

8120. SHRI GUNDAPPA KORWAR: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether he had visited some foreign countries including East Asian countries, in the recent past;

(b) if so, the details of discussions held during the visits;

(c) the amount of foreign investments offered for improvement in Surface Transport and the infrastructure; and

(d) the projects in which the foreign investment is likely to be utilised?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) There were general discussions on foreign participation in the development, construction and maintenance of roads, ship-building and road transport. Some of the foreign firms have shown keen interest in the investment in road and ship-building sectors and high speed tram system. M/s. Daewoo of Korea have submitted tenders for the High Speed Tram project in Delhi for all the nine corridors which is estimated to cost approximately Rs. 3,500 crores.

Profits and Losses of ports

8121. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA: Will hte Minister of SUFRACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state: